

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present application is a continuation of co-pending parent U.S. application serial number 10/194,014. In that parent application, claims 49-51 were cancelled without prejudice. This new continuation application is submitted to further prosecute claims similar to those claims 49-51 cancelled from the parent of the present application.

By the present preliminary amendment, new claims 32-39 are submitted for examination. New claims 32-34 are similar to cancelled claims 49-51 as in the parent of the present application, but with a clarification of the positioning of the "second liquid crystal layer".

Also, in the parent of the present application, those claims 49-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not supported by the specification. That position is traversed as the original specification at page 22, line 19 *et seq*, clearly discloses a structure in which the liquid crystal display device can have two liquid crystal layers. Thereby, the subject matter of claims 32-39 is believed to be fully supported by the original specification.

Also, by the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to first clarify the status of the present application as a continuation application. Further, by the present preliminary amendment a new Figure 22 is submitted that shows the disclosure noted in the specification at page 22, line 19 *et seq*. The specification is also amended to reference Figure 22.

The submission of new Figure 22 and the amendments to the specification are believed to be fully supported by the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any new matter. Specifically, and as noted above, the original specification at page 22, line 19 *et seq* discloses a structure of a liquid crystal display device having two liquid crystal layers,

such as shown for example in Figure 22. New Figure 22 shows two separate liquid crystal devices 2201 and 2202 each including its own liquid crystal layer. The specification has merely been amended to reflect that figure without adding new matter beyond the original disclosure set forth in the original specification.

The present response also sets forth new dependent claims 35-39 to set forth subject matter clearly supported by the original specification, and dependent on new independent claim 32.

Thus, by the present preliminary amendment the present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on new claims 32-39. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

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